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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN HELSINKI

- 1. DURING CALL BY CHARGE AND CULTURAL COUNSELOR JULY 10, ZANTOVSKY (HEAD OF SIXTH DEPT MFA) RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CSCE PHASE THREE IN HELSINKI, NOTING THAT HE MIGHT BE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION IN CASE THERE WERE ANY HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS INVOLVING HIS COUNTRIES (US, UK, CANADA). ZANTOVSKY SAID GOOD-HUMOREDLY THAT IF HUSAK, WHO WAS NOW NOT ONLY GENERAL SECRETARY BUT ALSO PRESIDENT, HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD, OF IF FONMIN CHNOUPEK HAD A CHANCE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY, HE WOULD WANT TO BE IN THE VICINITY.
- 2. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MOST IF NOT ALL HEADS OF DELEGATION AND FOREIGN MINISTERS IN HELSINKI WILL BE INTERESTED IN BILATERALS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY, AND EVEN LESS DOUBT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WOULD LIKE VERY KEENLY TO GET AN APPOINTMENT. THE HELSINKI GET-TOGETHER WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO HUSAK, IN HIS NEW CAPACITY OF HEAD OF STATE, AS A FORUM FOR SEEKING SOME OF THE RESPECTABILITY THAT HAS ELUDED HIS REGIME, FOR THE MOST PART, SINCE 1969. CHNOUPEK WILL PROBABLY HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE SECRECONFIDENTIAL

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TARY BECAUSE WE HAD TENTATIVELY SET A DATE FOR SUCH AN

ENCOUNTER LAST SEPTEMBER, BUT WHEN THE LONG-GRAVEL AMENDEMTN SCUTTLED THAT APPOINTMENT IT DID NOT PROVE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER AT THE UNGA. THEREFORE WE DOUBT THAT ZANTOVSKY WAS JESTING, AND WOULD EXPECT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WILL JOIN THE QUEUE TO LOOK INTO APPOINTMENTS IN HELSINKI.

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